



Eastwood Newsletter



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August Event

The Men's Club Championship August 14-15, 2010

Our fourth event, scheduled for Saturday & Sunday August 14 and 15, is the annual Club Championship! This event features a championship flight and other flights by handicaps to determine their divisions. You must have five 18 - hole rounds posted or you will be moved to the tougher flight (i.e., flight three to flight two.)

Play will begin on the 1st tee. The Championship Flight will play from the Black Tees. All other flights will play from the Blue Tees. Tee times will be assigned beginning around 7:30 a.m. each day. On Saturday the Championship Flight will start first followed by the remaining flights. On Sunday flights will be reverse in order and in accordance with Saturday's scores.

There is a Senior Flight for those over age 50, and a Super-Senior Flight for those 60 and over. Please contact the clubhouse and let them know which flight you are eligible for.

Competition will be gross scores within each flight. Payouts for placing will be in the form of chits from the golf shop. Each flight winner will receive a trophy and chits; second & third place will receive chits.

Tee times for Saturday will be available by Friday afternoon.

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Eastwood Driving Range

Open daily from Dawn to Dusk

"I've spent most of my life golfing - the rest I've just wasted."

- Unknown.

From the Club President

August is upon us and that means the Eastwood Club Championship, the most prestigious championship outside of the US Open! ...or something like that. Everyone's game is peaking right now so I am expecting tight competition in all flights. Jeff and his staff always put on professional tournament; so, if you have never participated, I encourage you to give it a try. Bragging rights can last maybe a week. Come out Friday night before the tournament and have some fun in the putting tournament. But remember, just like the Masters par-3 tournament, no one who has won the putting tournament has won the Club Championship. There is always a first time, though. See you at the Championship.

Jeff Ehrhart

The PGA at Whistling Straits

This is a great article about the design of this years PGA Championship venue – Whistling Straits

http://www.cybergolf.com/golf_news/pete_dye_on_whistling_straits

DUAL at the JEWEL

The 5th Annual Duel at the Jewel date has been set for September 10th. The Duel at the Jewel is a "Ryder Cup type" event played between the respective men's clubs from Eastwood, Northern Hills, and Soldier's Field. Those participating will play in an 18-hole handicapped Four-Ball Match against a team from either Soldier's Field or Northern Hills. Each team will consists of 16 players. So there will be 12 matches. One point is awarded to the winning team. 1/2 point is given to each team if the match is played to a draw. The Men's Club with the most points at the end of the day win's the cup.

We have never won this event, but this year we are due. As our pro states: "Now is the time to strike fear in our opponents." (Any suggestions on how to do that will be appreciated.) Wish our team good luck.

FRIDAY NIGHT PUTTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, August 13th

5-7pm Qualifying

7-8pm Finals

First try free! Any subsequent tries are \$5

More info in "Assistant's Corner"

Letter from our Club Professional

Dear Men's Club Members

First of all I would like to thank all of you for your support and the kind words with the passing of my mother, Shirley.

It seems like April was a couple of weeks ago, and now we are already in what I like to call "Championship Month." All of Eastwood's club championships will be held in the next several weeks, not to mention the All-City Championship. Good luck to those playing and I look forward to wonderful participation in both events.

For those of you not playing in the City Championship, we could use some volunteers on Saturday, August 28th when Eastwood hosts the opening round. Volunteers would be needed for both the a.m. and p.m. sessions mainly as spotters on the back nine. Please let me know if you have some time to help.

I would like to thank all of you who have supported Ryan in his efforts and entry into the 2010 Minnesota State Assistant's Championship on September 27th at White Bear Yacht Club. Jake has also qualified for this event and is selling \$5 raffle tickets to help pay for his tournament fees. You can obtain raffle tickets at the Eastwood pro shop. Thanks again for your help!

Please remember that all golf shop credit must be used by November 15. I have always appreciated your support in the golf shop. The day after Labor Day (Sept. 7), all demo golf clubs will go on sale at 40%-60% off the retail price. I have some great sets of irons (Mizuno, Ping, Titleist) and dozens of woods and hybrids.

Along with all of the local club championships, August is also host to the final major of the golf season. The P.G.A. Championship will be held at Whistling Straits in Kohler Wisconsin from August 12-15. Go Phil!! Good luck to those of you playing tournament golf in August and hopefully our nice weather will continue deep into the fall!

Your P.G.A. Professional

Jeff Gorman

AUGUST SALE:

Golf bags, putters,
Wedges
35% OFF

August only!!

Golf Membership Sale:

Buy a 2011 membership
before October 15 and play
the balance of 2010 for free!

Eastwood Classic:

2-Man Best Ball
Saturday, September 11

Look for more information to come!

Letter from our Assistant Professional

From the desk of Ryan Bakken

I would first like to thank all of you who have purchased raffle tickets from me to help pay for my Assistant's Championship costs. It is pretty cool to have the kind of support in which I can sell the majority of the tickets in 30 minutes during the July event. Thanks a million for all of your support! I'll do my best to proudly represent Eastwood.

With the month of August comes the Club Championship. This is my favorite event of the season to host. We do our best provide you with a tournament atmosphere and I hope that all of you enjoy the camaraderie and competition. The tee times will begin at 7:30 each morning and the field will be re-paired Saturday evening according to score. Good luck to everyone playing and I hope you play well.

The kickoff event for the Club Championship is the Friday night Putting Championship. This laid back contest will be held on Friday, August 13th on the practice putting green. I take great pride in setting up a fair but stern 9-hole test of your putting skills. The grounds crew typically double cuts and rolls the practice green so it gets slippery fast. Qualifying rounds will be held from 5-7. At 7pm, we will take the top 8 players into the "finals" in match play format. Your first putting round is free, with each additional try \$5. All money taken in will be paid out to the winners in the form of golf shop credit. There is no limit to the number of attempts you can make. The Eastwood Grill will also have the grill fired up and there will be drinks available. I urge you come out and enjoy this fun event to kick off "Championship Weekend."

With five mini events and three Sunday events remaining, the time to make your move in the Shootout is now. The standings below show the top 12. The top 10 in total earnings will advance to the Shootout. The bottom Shootout will consist of the bottom 10 money earners who competed in at least 10 events. Good luck!

Shootout Standings (Thru August 4)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Earnings</u>	<u>Events Attended</u>
Cowden, Gayle	\$78.00	8
Sameni, Ali	\$77.00	9
King, Greg	\$74.50	11
Zais, Daniel	\$67.00	11
Smith, Mark	\$62.00	10
Snider, Greg	\$60.50	10
Horton, John	\$60.00	2
Johnson, Randy	\$58.00	9
Orr, Louis	\$57.50	9
Flynn, Steve	\$55.50	5
Swanson, Steve	\$53.50	12
Cardiff, Rick	\$53.50	12

One last piece of advice for tournament month: Slow down! In nervous situations, most golfers tend to get very quick with both their backswing and downswing, often resulting in miss-hits. Before each shot, remind yourself to slow down and swing smooth. Hopefully this will result in a better shots and a better overall Club Championship experience. Good luck to all!

Slow and Always Smooth,

Ryan Bakken

Assistant Golf Professional

Yeah, Yeah...., *Oh Yeah?*

by Red Ruffensore

I was wakening from an opium-induced trance a couple weeks ago, or a couple weeks later, or a couple weeks earlier. My old black and white TV was inexplicably tuned to PBS. President Obama was hosting the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Contribution to American Music and Culture in the White House. I know opium is not recommended by anyone these days and I understand why. I was hallucinating that the Prize for Contribution to American Music and Culture was honoring Sir Paul McCartney, former member of the pop band Wings and co-star in a noir comedic thriller called *"A Hard Day's Night"*. Now, I have known Pauly for a long time, and his music catalogue has accompanied me through many exotic experiences in the last 50 years. But the last I heard, Sir Paul is British. And I think we made our first statement regarding the English contribution to American culture when we dumped tea into Boston Harbor. In the 240 years since, we've regularly affirmed our position regarding the English impact on our culture. Frankly, and I am proud to be one of it, and we'll have none of it.

The warped reality, dear readers, is the irony that Ruffensore actually influenced British music and culture so that Sir Paul could, in turn, influence American music and culture. Sounds like an Isaac Asimov "wrinkle in time" SciFi plot, yes? It is true, though immodest, that Ruffensore was the catalyst that changed the Beatles and the world.

It was the early 1960's, and it was Rochester. Eastwood had been open slightly more than a year. PGA Professional Frank Taylor had established his "club house" in an old tent the Golf Division had purchased from Army Navy Surplus on Highway 14 East, just a few yards from what we now call #7 green. Young Frank was using a fly swatter to maintain his silk-like swing, and the grounds crew focused on removing corn stalks and cow pies from the fairways and rough. The early days were primitive.

The Beatles had just finished their concert at Met Stadium in the Twin Cities and were basking in the eclat of their performance in the old Kahler InnTown in downtown Minneapolis. As the Minneapolis Star put it, "...the boys were on their best behavior, except for..." You guessed it. Young Pauly was in trouble with Minneapolis' finest. Seems as though he had sneaked a young lady into his room and was engaged in something other than sophisticated conversation. Following his arrest and subsequent release, Paul was looking for someplace quiet to heal his raw, jangled nerves. The desk clerk at the InnTown, Roy Watson, Jr., recommended Rochester.

Fate takes strange turns as it navigates life. Paul found his way to Eastwood and was looking for a relaxing round of golf. As luck would have it, Young Frank hadn't thought to add left-handed golf clubs to his inventory of rentals yet. Disappointed, Paul left the Club Tent and wandered into a machine shed thinking it was the outhouse. And that is where he met, for the first time, Red Ruffensore.

Eastwood, back then, was a BYOB facility, and Ruffensore had his stash tucked away in a derelict refrigerator. Offering Pauly an Irish brew, they started to talk about life, music, women, war and peace, and Hindu philosophy. An afternoon of drinking Irish ale turned into a week of "experimental" drug use. When Paul left Rochester he was a very different young man. From songs heavy in lyrics like *"Yeah, yeah, yeah"* and *"I wanna hold your hand..."*, Paul became the song writing and performing giant we know today. He replaced his sophomoric lyrics with biting and controversial concepts like the Hindu inspired "Oblah Dee, Oblah Dah", the historically accurate "Rocky Raccoon" and the culturally subversive "Back in the USSR". He expanded his mind with drugs and mysticism. He became the British artistic giant that so influenced American music and culture. But remember, and you heard it here, it was Rochester that impacted British music so Sir Paul could receive his prize for impacting American music.

If you want to hear more of the grimy details of Paul McCartney's visit to Rochester, find an empty chair in the Eastwood Grill, order two cold Ruffensore Red Ales and wait for me to show up. I always know when there is good beer waiting for me.

Red Ruffensore

MINNESOTA PUBLIC GOLF ASSOCIATION

2010 MPGA Championship Schedule

- Publinks • August 21 & 22 • The Jewel
- Combination • September 18 & 19 • Bunker Hills

Applications available at www.mpga.net

Eastwood Men's Club has been a member of the MPGA for many years.

The \$75 yearly membership fee, allows anyone who belongs to the Men's Club to participate in the tournaments that one would qualify for. For example, you must be 50 years old to play in the Seniors tournament. Tournaments include greens fees for two days and the chance to win merchandise. See how you fair against others in the state. Participate this year!